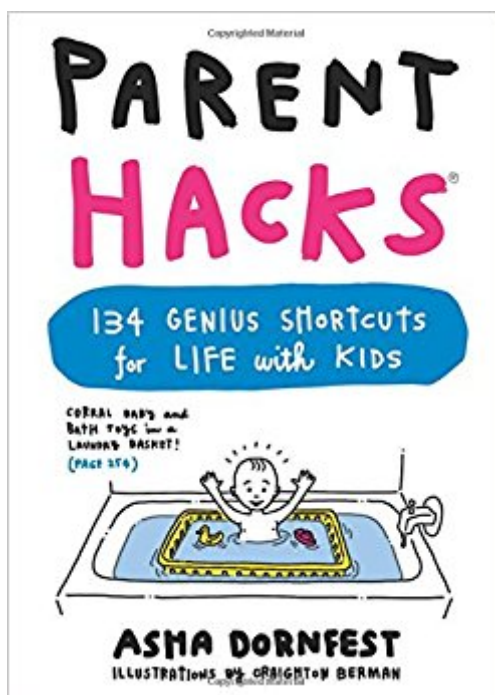


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Parent Hacks: 134 Genius Shortcuts For Life With Kids



Synopsis

Drawing from the award-winning website ParentHacks.com, here are 134 ingenious ideas for simplifying life with kids. A parent hack can be as simple as putting the ketchup under the hot dog, minimizing the mess. Or strapping baby into a forward-facing carrier when you need to trim his fingernails— it frees your hands while controlling the squirming. Or stashing a wallet in a disposable diaper at the beach—who would ever poke through what looks like a used Pampers? On every page, discover easy-to-do, boldly illustrated, unconventional solutions, arranged by category from Pregnancy & Postpartum through Sleep, Eating, Bath Time, Travel, and more.

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Wichita Eagle

Why didn't I think of that? Here's an indispensable collection of 134 simple, unexpected solutions to kid-related problems. Drawn from a community of real-life MacGyvers, fellow parents who share their flashes of problem-solving genius, these inspired hacks cover all phases of life with kids, including Pregnancy, Sleep, Eating, Bath Time, Travel, and more. 4 Great Hacks to Know When You're On the Go: #116 Write your phone number on your kid's belly. Page 234 #113 Strap ankle weights to a light weight stroller to keep it from tipping. Page 228 #110 Line your car's cup holders with cupcake liners. Page 224 #118 Use adhesive bandages to baby-proof hotel room outlets. Page 238

I'm a big fan of Asha's podcast "Edit Your Life" and her book brings her same sensibility and practicality to this book. I love the quick tips to make parenting easier - as well as the permission she gives all of us to allow us to use these tips. There is no guilt or judgment, just common sense that we should all do what makes sense and stop making life harder than it needs to be. Highly recommend this to all parents!

It's a great book for the non-creative. If you've been a parent longer than a few months chances are you've already figured 3/4 of these things out and the other 1/4 have already passed your eyes via Facebook. If you're an expectant parent, however, I can see the value in picking this up. It's a book of good ideas when you're still building in anticipation and too distracted with your abject terror at the prospect of raising a human being, but once you've squeezed a kid out and already guessed on your own that using a laundry basket as a play cage in the bathtub is a neat idea then you're wasting money that could be more easily set aside to someday go on your kid's meal card when

they're off to college.

This is a neat little book that's a great idea. I enjoyed it quite a bit. The layout is really fun and lighthearted. It's really easy to read, even for people who don't like really like to read. Not because it's too simplistic, but because it's written in a style that's to the point. As a sleepy parent, you'll probably appreciate that. The art is cheerful and of the same type as you see on the cover. It goes well with the overall tone of the book. The reason I only gave it four stars is because many of the "hacks" really have nothing to do with being a parent. Because of this I was on the fence between three and four stars. There are quite a few pregnancy hacks and life hacks blended in (I'd say at least 1/2 of the book). While they are good tips, they aren't really what I expected because this is supposed to be a parent hack book. It is super cutesy and you will find at least a handful of tips that you'd use in it. Yes, most of these could be found somewhere else on the web for free, but why would you waste the time doing that? Your time is worth something. Most of the good tips are here.

i have a toddler and preschooler and even though this book has infant and pregnancy info I still learned a lot from it such as all the possibilities to do with a wipe! This book gives awesome ideas for any age children.

This was hilarious. Pictures make books better, and in this case, takes it from "oh, good to know!" to truly epic FTW. In case my review sounds too good to be true, I bought the softcopy with my own money, no discount, and plan on getting this in hardcopy as a visual reminder that parenting can be fun.

I must admit, when the announcement came out that one of my favorite blogs, Parent Hacks, was becoming a book, I wasn't sure how the format would translate. I pre-ordered the book of course but didn't have any particular expectation about it. A blog is almost like one of those tear away calendars - if you check out a given day as it passes, you get a story or bit of information and then move on. A book based on a blog runs the risk of stitching those pages together as a mere repackaging. That is not the case with Parent Hacks. You can read it all the way through, pick it up here and there, and the major surprise is that it is great for kids and adults. My 5 and 7 year old love flipping through and are engaged by the illustrations as well as the ideas. In full disclosure, a few of the ideas are ones I submitted as a member of the Parent Hacks community via twitter, blog comments, and other social media platforms. Another layer here is that Asha Dornfest has managed to be incredibly gracious

and give so much credit to her illustrator and the contributors. Even the inside of the cover includes names of people who submitted hacks or supported the community. She is your curator for these suggestions and that shouldn't be downplayed because she has always embraced, both online and in this book, a spirit of inclusive parenting that is the antithesis of "the mommy wars." Put another way, there are lifestyle and other blogs (not knocking them, they have lovely pictures or suggestions, etc.) that have this tone of prescribing takes on parenting but Parent Hacks is about not only making do with what you have but multitasking your way to easier approaches. Parent Hacks as a concept also puts creativity front and center - something you may have just done instinctively can be shared with someone else who leverages the approach into simplifying their own life. Back to the book itself, it really is best suited for a hard copy to allow for sharing and casual perusal. Every time I've picked the book up in the last few weeks another idea draws my eye or I can skip to categories of tips as needed. I know some may hesitate at all the baby shower gift suggestions (in that they may think the book is geared to tips regarding newborns and babies) but I think there is a lot for anyone who is involved in feeding, dressing, and taking children anywhere. That said, I could totally see a sequel geared to teaching tips or ways to help kids learn concepts within the hack theme. This book transcends gender which deserves a nod as well. I purchased a copy of the book from but I did receive a review copy as well. The purchased copy funnily enough reached me first but I did want to offer my disclosure to assist anyone shopping around.

It is totally worth it!, I am implementing a lot of them with my nine month little one. Thank you Parent Hacks!!!!

This is a gift for my son's first child, my first grandchild. After looking through the book, I kinda wish I had this around when I had my 2 kids. Lots of neat tricks and stuff in here that will definitely help in a pinch, especially if you don't have all the "stuff" they have for babies today. I think they're gonna love it!

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